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Application of: Paul SCHORN *et al.*

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the six (6) references listed on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are enclosed. References AA-AF were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/IB01/00942, a copy of which is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review all of the references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission, since it is being made before an initial Office Action on the merits. Should a fee be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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